

MINUTES OF POT CREEK MEETING
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 25, 1970
Uintah County Courthouse, Vernal, Utah

Those attending: John Bene, Deputy State Engineer
Donald Norseth, Division of Water Rights
Robert Guy, Eastern Area Engineer
Wesley Signs, Colorado State Engineer's Office
Leo Hacking, Water User
Allen Bennion, Water User
Albert Heggen, Division of Fish & Game
Larry Wilson, Division of Fish & Game
Bob Nielson, Division of Fish & Game
Rulon Hacking, Water User
C. W. McCoy, Water User
Max Rasmussen, Water User
Carl Searle, Water User
David Rasmussen, Commissioner

Mr. Donald Norseth opened the meeting and reviewed the water forecast for 1970, placing the water supply for the Vernal area at 90% to 100% of normal. However, it was pointed out that unless additional precipitation fell in April, the water supply would downgrade as time progressed. In the event of no precipitation in April, it would probably be 75% of normal. He then discussed the water supply on Pot Creek and pointed out that Crouse Reservoir was emptied due to repairs to the dam in 1969. The Matt Warner Reservoir had a good holdover in 1969. However, a quantity of the water belonged to Colorado and to the Utah State Fish & Game due to the exchange between Calder and Utah State Fish & Game. Mr. Norseth stated that Zelf Calder had called him from the hospital where he was recovering from a serious operation and said that any arrangements similar to last year would be all right with him.

The group was then asked for their pleasure for a chairman. Mr. Robert Guy was asked to take over the meeting and was affirmed by the group. The 1969 minutes were read. Mr. Albert Heggen made a motion that the minutes be approved. This was seconded by Rulon Hacking, and the motion carried. Mr. Frank Reese gave the financial report of the 1969 expenditures and the status of the system monies as of December 31, 1969. A motion was made by Rulon Hacking that the financial report be approved as given. This was seconded by Max Rasmussen, and the motion carried.

Mr. David Rasmussen gave his commissioner's report for 1969 and set out the following recommendations to be developed in 1970: (1) That an operational criteria be established on Zelf Calder's new reservoir and (2) That a parshall flume be installed below this new reservoir. Mr. Cliff McCoy stated that Zelf had agreed to lower the lip on the Matt Warner Reservoir spillway three feet. This would help fight the problem of the reservoir backing up over the road. Dave concluded in this report that the water year had been excellent but that his inability to deliver water to Colorado and to the Fish & Game had been due to the construction of the new Calder Reservoir and to the repairs to Crouse Reservoir.

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The budget was then discussed, and it was pointed out by Bob Guy that the 1969 budget was adequate and that it had been under-expended by at least \$50. A motion was made by Max Rasmussen that the same budget be set for 1970: total expenditures of \$390 and an assessment of \$300 with the assessment on the same basis as previous. This motion was seconded by Allen Bennion, and it carried.

A motion was made by Albert Heggen that David Rasmussen be recommended to the State Engineer for commissioner for 1970. This was seconded by Wesley Signs and was carried. Mr. Norseth stated that he thought that Dave Rasmussen did a fine job as commissioner for the Pot Creek users and that the State Engineer would appoint him as commissioner for 1970.

After more discussion of the water problems of Colorado, gaging stations, etc., the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Copies: Robert Guy, Area Engineer
Frank Reese, Controller